



AGENDA
Meeting of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency

Wednesday, February 15, 2006
6:00 PM
TELEVISED (City TV Channel 18)

Santa Barbara MTD Auditorium
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
Chair John Britton; Vice Chair David Davis; Secretary Brian Fahnestock; Director Logan Green, Director Dick Weinberg
- 3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA**

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES (ATTACHMENT- ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
The Board will be asked to waive the reading of and approve the minutes for the meeting of January 31, 2006.
- 5. CASH REPORT (ATTACHMENT- ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
The Board will be asked to review the cash report from January 24 through February 6, 2006.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

- 7. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**
The Board will honor Mike Cardona, Acting Manager of Maintenance for his 30 years of service with MTD.
- 8. EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT**
The Board will honor Imelda Martin, Receptionist for her outstanding performance.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may address the Board on items within the jurisdiction of the Board that are not scheduled for public hearing. The time allotted per speaker will be at the discretion of the Board Chair. If you wish to address the Board under this item number, please complete and deliver to the MTD Board Clerk **before the meeting is convened**, a "Request to Speak" form including a description of the subject you wish to address.

10. HEALTH INSURANCE (ATTACHMENT-ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board will be asked to authorize renewal of staff health insurance.

**11. QUARTERLY STAFF REPORTS
(ATTACHMENT- NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN)**

The Board will review quarterly staff reports for the period of October 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005.

12. VALLEY EXPRESS (NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN)

The Board will receive an update on the Valley Express service.

13. MEASURE D (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board will discuss an expenditure plan for Measure D.

14. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

- a) Marylina Mobley- report into public session
- b) Bus #268 retirement to Mexico
- c) Elementary School Outreach Program (ESOP)
- d) Enhanced Transit
- e) North County Subregional
- f) Transit Village update
- g) Clean Air advertising
- h) Medical facility update
- i) MTD commercial @ sunrise
- j) Amtrak transfer
- k) Other

15. OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Board will report on related public transit issues and committee meetings.

16. ADJOURNMENT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the MTD Administrative Office at 963-3364 at least **48 hours in advance** of the meeting to allow time for MTD to attempt a reasonable accommodation.



DRAFT MINUTES
of the
Meeting of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency
Tuesday, January 31, 2006
8:30 AM

Santa Barbara MTD Auditorium
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

John Britton, Chair, David Davis, Vice Chair, Brian Fahnestock, Secretary, Dick Weinberg, Director, Logan Green, Director

MTD EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Jerry Estrada, Assistant GM/Controller, Tiara Lakey, Executive Assistant to the Board and the General Manager, Steve Maas, Manager of Strategic Planning and Compliance, Gabriel Garcia, HR & Risk Manager, David Damiano, Manager of Transit Development & Community Relations, Sarah Herbold, Marketing Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Helene Schneider, City of Santa Barbara Councilmember/Council Liaison

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Britton called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM.

2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All members were present, with the exception of Director Fahnestock, who was expected to arrive at any moment.

3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA

Jerry Estrada, Assistant GM/Controller reported that the agenda for this meeting was posted in accordance with Brown Act requirements.

4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Director Green moved to waive the reading of and approve the minutes for the meeting of January 17, 2006. Vice Chair Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

5. CASH REPORTS

Director Fahnestock arrived at this time.

Vice Chair Davis moved to approve the cash report for January 10, 2006, through January 23, 2006. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At this time Mr. Estrada reported that the Finance Committee had requested that review of the cash report include comments related to cash flow projections and MTD's current balance. In

June, staff had projected a cash balance of \$3 million for period ending in December. To date, the current balance is \$3.2 million.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment made.

7. SELECTION PROCESS FOR FEDERAL SECTION 5307 PROJECTS

Mr. Estrada and Steve Maas, Manager of Strategic Planning and Compliance reviewed staff's recommendations for adopting the MTD Scoring Criteria for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Funds Apportioned to the Santa Barbara Urbanized Area. Mr. Maas reminded the Board that the information regarding this new process was originally presented to the Board in December as an information item. There was a discussion regarding the selection process and scoring criteria as outlined in the Procedures. Vice Chair Davis moved to approve staff's recommendation for adopting the MTD Scoring Criteria for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Funds Apportioned to the Santa Barbara Urbanized Area. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. DRAFT FINANCIALS

Mr. Estrada reviewed the draft 6-month financial statements and cash requirements with the Board. During the review, he noted that three big projects (implementation of the planning and maintenance software and the soil remediation at MTD's Calle Real property) had been completed during this period. Mr. Estrada reported that mid-year budget revisions would be presented at the next Board meeting and will include a recommendation regarding a purchase of Hybrid buses. The procurement for ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel and MTD's Overpass property were also discussed. Mr. Estrada announced that the revenue from ad space sales have increased steadily since the arrival of Sarah Herbold, Marketing Coordinator. After reviewing the 6-month financial statements with the Board, The Board thanked Mr. Estrada for his efforts.

9. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

At this time Mr. Estrada reviewed the General Manager's, January 27, 2006 Administrative Update, with the Board.

During this review, Mr. Estrada requested that David Damiano, Manager of Transit Development & Community Relations report on his and the General Manager's recent meeting with John Romo, Santa Barbara City College (SBCC) President and staff. Mr. Damiano stated that the school's scheduling, their future needs and an option for a staff and faculty pass program had been discussed.

At this time, Vice Chair Davis asked for an update on the status of the 10-ride pass in relation to the Enhanced Transit Subcommittee's recommendations. Steve Maas, Manager of Strategic Planning and Compliance reported that the recommendation includes that the 10-ride pass continue.

There was a discussion regarding security at the Transit Center. Mr. Estrada reported that due to the recent events that have taken place around the Transit Center, additional supervisory staff has been placed at the Transit Center and that MTD continues to communicate with the Santa Barbara Police Department.

Vice Chair Davis requested that today's meeting minutes reflect the following information in response to today's News Press article, written by Joshua Molina, regarding the Mobley settlement: Mr. Molina's article states that MTD's Board had met in a "secret closed session" to discuss the settlement. Vice Chair Davis responded, by stating, "all closed sessions were properly noticed and held pursuant to the Brown Act and there were no 'secret' closed sessions".

At this time, Mr. Damiano introduced MTD's new television commercial. Ms. Herbold provided the Board with information regarding the music used in the commercial. She noted that she had originally been quoted a price of \$50,000 to use the music, but after consideration, the artist agreed to let MTD use the music at no charge.

10. OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Britton reported that the Finance Committee had met to review the draft 6-month financial statements and cash requirements that Mr. Estrada presented today.

Director Weinberg shared an article regarding "Visionary Mayors Take Environmental Lead" with the Board. He reported that the article discussed how some cities Mayors are supporting mass transit to resolve congestion problems. He asked that staff review the information. Helene Schneider, City of Santa Barbara Councilmember/Council Liaison reported that Mayor Blum has attended meetings with other mayors throughout the Country, which discuss being an environmental city. After a discussion, it was agreed that staff would forward a copy of the article to Santa Barbara County Association of Government's Board.

Director Fahnestock reported that he would not be able to attend the February 15, 2006, Board meeting. Vice Chair Davis reported that he will be late for that meeting, due to another meeting he is attending. After a discussion, the Board agreed to start the meeting at 6:00 PM, rather than 5:30 PM.

11. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION- CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Section 54957.6)

SBMTD designated representatives:	MTD Board of Directors
SBMTD unrepresented employees:	all staff positions

Upon returning from closed session, Chair Britton reported that no action had been taken.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
Cash Report
Board Meeting of February 15, 2006
For the Period January 24, 2006 through February 6, 2006

MONEY MARKET

Beginning Balance January 24, 2006 **\$3,487,273.33**

Accounts Receivable	297,374.68	
Passenger Fares	179,248.96	
FTA Operating Assistance	55,907.00	
Property Tax Revenue	18,813.09	
Advertising & Prepaid	365.00	
Miscellaneous	18.41	
Total Deposits		551,727.14

Bank Fee - Jan 06	(4,529.04)	
ACH Pensions Transfer	(40,593.32)	
Wire Transfer - CAE	(55,907.00)	
ACH Tax Deposit	(98,452.95)	
Operations Transfer	(128,701.59)	
Payroll Transfer	(229,702.17)	
Total Disbursements		(557,886.07)

Ending Balance **\$3,481,114.40**

Total Cash and Investments as of February 6, 2006: **\$3,481,114.40**

COMPOSITION OF CASH BALANCE

Working Capital	2,195,333.23	
WC / Liability Reserves	1,285,781.17	
Total Cash Balance		\$3,481,114.40

Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District Cash Receipts of Accounts

Date	Company	Description	Amount
1/19/2006	Federal Transit Administration	FTA Operating Assistance	45,099.00
1/24/2006	City of SB - Downtown Waterfront	Dwntwn. Wtrfrnt. Shuttle - Jan 06	78,027.95
1/24/2006	City of SB - Downtown Waterfront	Dwntwn. Wtrfrnt. Shuttle - Dec 05	77,343.70
1/24/2006	Federal Transit Administration	FTA Operating Assistance	34,678.00
1/31/2006	Eleanore Zeluck	Health Insurance - Cobra	178.83
1/31/2006	Fountain, Melvin and Elizabeth	Health Insurance - Retiree	165.64
1/31/2006	Graham Chevrolet	Advertising on Buses	221.00
1/31/2006	Graham Chevrolet	Advertising on Buses	2,040.00
1/31/2006	New Sun Nutrition	Advertising on Buses	1,275.00
1/31/2006	SB School District	Passes/Token Sales	39,100.00
1/31/2006	SB School District	Passes/Token Sales	1,600.00
2/3/2006	City of SB - Commuter Lot	Commuter Lot Shuttle - Jan 06	14,551.81
2/6/2006	Cottage Hospital	Passes/Token Sales	281.25
2/6/2006	SB County Public Health	Passes/Token Sales	2,812.50
Total Accounts Receivable Paid During Period			\$297,374.68

Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District Accounts Payable

Check	Date	Company	Description	Amount	Voids
82796	1/26/2006	A.G.S. REBUILDERS, INC.	SERVICE VEHICLE PARTS	88.74	
82797	1/26/2006	ARCHBALD & SPRAY	LEGAL COUNSEL	3,188.06	
82798	1/26/2006	BATTERY SYSTEMS OF OXNARD	BUS PARTS	1,519.05	
82799	1/26/2006	BAY ALARM COMPANY	CONTRACT MAINT	159.00	
82800	1/26/2006	BOMAR SECURITY &	SECURITY SERVICES	1,512.33	
82801	1/26/2006	BP WEST COAST PRODUCTS LLC.	FUEL	15,165.86	
82802	1/26/2006	BREWER, WILLIAM	TOOL ALLOWANCE	900.00	
82803	1/26/2006	BUENA TOOLS, INC.	SHOP SUPPLIES	445.96	
82804	1/26/2006	BUTERA'S NORTH SIDE	SHOP SUPPLIES	55.70	
82805	1/26/2006	CALIFORNIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY,	BUS PARTS & SHOP SUPPLIES	377.45	
82806	1/26/2006	CAL-STATE RENT A FENCE	FENCE RENTAL	175.53	
82808	1/26/2006	CAR PARTS OF SANTA BARBARA	BUS PARTS & SUPPLIES	271.78	
82809	1/26/2006	CALIFORNIA TRANSIT	ASSOCIATION DUES	8,461.00	
82810	1/26/2006	CHEVRON & TEXACO CARD	SERVICE VEHICLE FUEL	175.56	
82811	1/26/2006	CLAYTON FORD	SERVICE VEHICLE PARTS	344.22	
82812	1/26/2006	COTTAGE HEALTH SYSTEM	EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	2,490.00	
82813	1/26/2006	COAST TRUCK PARTS	BUS PARTS	5,277.23	
82814	1/26/2006	CA STATE BOARD OF	USER FUEL TAX	1,385.22	
82815	1/26/2006	COVERALL OF MID-STATE CALIF.	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES/SERVICE	253.29	
82816	1/26/2006	DAL POZZO TIRE CORP.	TIRE REPAIR	75.00	
82817	1/26/2006	DOCUPRODUCTS CORPORATION	COPIES	125.46	
82818	1/26/2006	DOOR & WINDOW RESTORATION	BUS REPAIRS	65.00	
82819	1/26/2006	EBUS, INC.	BUS PARTS	151.86	
82820	1/26/2006	ERGOMETRICS, INC.	DRIVER TEST SCORING	25.00	
82821	1/26/2006	FEDERAL EXPRESS CORP.	FREIGHT CHARGES	268.98	
82822	1/26/2006	FRED'S UPHOLSTERY DBA	UPHOLSTERY REPAIRS	780.00	
82823	1/26/2006	GIBBS INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS	BUS PARTS/SUPPLIES	1,714.25	
82824	1/26/2006	GOLETA VALLEY VOICE DBA	ADVERTISING	375.00	
82825	1/26/2006	GRAINGER, INC.	B&G SUPPLIES	174.66	
82826	1/26/2006	HOLLEY ENTERPRISES DBA	BUS PARTS	109.20	
82827	1/26/2006	HOME IMPROVEMENT CTR.	SHOP/B&G SUPPLIES	644.26	
82828	1/26/2006	HYDREX PEST CONTROL	FUMIGATION	64.00	
82829	1/26/2006	INTERLAND, INC.	WEBSITE HOST	50.00	
82830	1/26/2006	INDOFF, INC.	OFFICE SUPPLIES	225.34	
82831	1/26/2006	J n L GLASS INC.	REPLACE BUS WINDOWS	195.00	
82832	1/26/2006	KIMBALL MIDWEST	SHOP SUPPLIES	307.70	
82833	1/26/2006	KLIPPEL TOOL REPAIR DBA	BUS REPAIRS	576.72	

Check	Date	Company	Description	Amount	Voids
82834	1/26/2006	LUMINATOR MASS TRANSIT	BUS PARTS	358.34	
82835	1/26/2006	M.M.E.	SHOP HOISTS	37.88	
82836	1/26/2006	MANKER, DEVRIN	TOOL ALLOWANCE	900.00	
82837	1/26/2006	MC CORMIX CORP. (OIL)	LUBRICANTS	2,526.26	
82838	1/26/2006	MC CORMIX CORP. (GAS)	FUEL-SERVICE VEHICLES	1,136.05	
82839	1/26/2006	MGB INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	BUS STOP SUPPLIES	25.60	
82840	1/26/2006	MUZICRAFT	TC CONTRACT MAINTENANCE	38.00	
82841	1/26/2006	NU-COOL REDI GREEN	BUS SUPPLIES	464.90	
82842	1/26/2006	PETTY CASH- LAKEY, TIARA	MISC. PURCHASES	276.73	
82843	1/26/2006	PETTY CASH- HAHN, STEVE	MISC SHOP NEEDS	97.51	
82844	1/26/2006	PETTY CASH- JOHNS, GARY	MISC. PURCHASES	261.34	
82845	1/26/2006	PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE METER QTRLY CHARGES	210.00	
82846	1/26/2006	PLATINUM PLUS FOR BUSINESS	MISC. CREDIT CARD CHARGES	1,765.02	
82847	1/26/2006	BANC OF AMERICA	COPIER LEASE	385.32	
82848	1/26/2006	PORT SUPPLY	BUS PARTS	144.15	
82849	1/26/2006	POWER MACHINERY CENTER, INC.	BUS SUPPLIES	1,026.66	
82850	1/26/2006	PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION, INC.	SHOP SUPPLIES	37.54	
82851	1/26/2006	ROGERS & SHEFFIELD ATTORNEYS	LEGAL COUNSEL	6,472.24	
82852	1/26/2006	SANSUM-SBMFC	MEDICAL EXAMS	82.00	
82853	1/26/2006	SB LOCKSMITHS, INC.	LOCK REPAIR & REKEY	8.08	
82854	1/26/2006	S B INDUSTRIAL MEDICAL GROUP	MEDICAL EXAMS	4,515.00	
82855	1/26/2006	SANTA BARBARA NEWS-PRESS	EMPLOYMENT ADS	187.40	
82856	1/26/2006	SMITTY'S TOWING SERVICE (DBA)	TOWING SERVICES	451.25	
82857	1/26/2006	SERVICE MASTER OF SANTA	TC JANITORIAL SERV./SUPPLIES	222.39	
82858	1/26/2006	SM TIRE, CORP.	BUS TIRE MOUNTING	417.00	
82859	1/26/2006	SMART & FINAL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	71.12	
82860	1/26/2006	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS	UTILITIES	41.18	
82861	1/26/2006	SUPREME AUTO CARE PROD., LLC	BUS CLEANING SUPPLIES	64.54	
82862	1/26/2006	SB CITY OF-REFUSE/WATER	UTILITIES	481.36	
82863	1/26/2006	TMC COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONES	132.87	
82864	1/26/2006	TRUCK TRAILER TRANSIT	BUS PARTS	156.56	
82865	1/26/2006	UNITED TRANSMISSION	BUS TRANSMISSIONS/PARTS	5,091.77	
82866	1/26/2006	UNISOURCE MAINT SUPPLY	BUS CLEANING & SHOP SUPPLIES	906.44	
82867	1/26/2006	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	FREIGHT CHARGES	146.20	
82868	1/26/2006	UNIFORM CONNECTION INC.	UNIFORMS	6,251.01	
82869	1/26/2006	VALLEY POWER SYSTEMS, INC.	BUS PARTS	5,341.14	
82870	1/26/2006	VENTURA COUNTY STAR	EMPLOYMENT ADS	1,086.70	
82871	1/26/2006	VERIZON CALIFORNIA	TELEPHONES	1,557.10	
82872	1/26/2006	VERIZON WIRELESS	WIRELESS PHONES	585.29	
82873	2/3/2006	CONTRA COSTA	PR RELATED	435.00	

Check	Date	Company	Description	Amount	Voids
82874	2/3/2006	DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT	PR RELATED	239.08	
82875	2/3/2006	DEAILE, MARY	PR RELATED	106.15	
82876	2/3/2006	DISTRICT ATTORNEY-S.B.	PR RELATED	1,351.56	
82877	2/3/2006	EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT	PR RELATED	100.00	
82878	2/3/2006	GE GROUP LIFE ASSURANCE	LIFE INSURANCE	1,062.88	
82879	2/3/2006	HUMANA INC.	STAFF DENTAL INSURANCE	2,716.86	
82880	2/3/2006	UNITED STATES TREASURY - IRS	PR RELATED	438.47	
82881	2/3/2006	OHIO CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT	PR RELATED	126.85	
82882	2/3/2006	OTTIERI, ANN BRADY	PR RELATED	576.92	
82883	2/3/2006	PACIFICARE OF CALIFORNIA	HEALTH INSURANCE	26,535.97	
82884	2/3/2006	ROCHA, SUZANNE	PR RELATED	406.08	
82885	2/3/2006	SANTA BARBARA BANK & TRUST	PR DEDUCTION	74.67	
82886	2/3/2006	SB COUNTY FEDERAL CREDIT	PR DEDUCTION	1,698.00	
82887	2/3/2006	SB CITY OF-REFUSE/WATER	UTILITIES	370.29	
82888	2/3/2006	TEAMSTERS UNION LOCAL NO. 186	UNION DUES	221.00	
82889	2/3/2006	VENTURA COUNTY DCSS	PR RELATED	108.46	
				128,701.59	
Current Cash Report Voided Checks:				0.00	
Prior Cash Report Voided Checks:				0.00	
Grand Total:				\$128,701.59	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

AGENDA DATE: 02/15/06

AGENDA ITEM #: 10

TYPE: Action

DEPARTMENT: Human Resources

PREPARED BY: Gabriel Garcia

Signature

REVIEWED BY: Sherrie Fisher

GM Signature

SUBJECT: Staff medical and dental insurance premium renewal 3/1/06

DISCUSSION:

PacifiCare increased the staff medical insurance premium by 11.5% and Humana Dental increased the dental insurance premium by 9.9%. Computations shown below reflect a supercomposite (i.e., per staff member average figure) comparison of the renewal. Budget projected a supercomposite rate of \$946.73. The renewal came in at \$916.59 for continuation of benefits without change.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Item	2005 medical + dental combined	2006 Medical	2006 Dental	2006 quote (combined)
Supercomposite	\$823.24	\$827.39	\$89.20	\$916.59
Fiscal year 05/06 budgeted	\$836.65			\$946.73

Recommendation: Continue the Point of Service (POS) plan. Brown and Brown researched options at the request of the H.R. and Risk Dept. Staff was also surveyed. Although PacifiCare will be phasing out the POS plan, it is still available to MTD staff this year. This plan offers the flexibility of a Preferred Provider Option (PPO) combined with a cost-saving Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) basis.

To: Chair Britton
Members of the Board of Directors
From: Sherrie Fisher, General Manager
Date: 02/10/06
Subject: Administrative Update

MTD received two proposals in response to the Electric Vehicle procurement. Staff has completed an initial review and contacted the bidders regarding the status of their proposals. We are awaiting responses clarifying a number of issues related to these proposals.

Technical specifications for the 1984 Gillig and 1997 Nova bus fleets retrofit possibilities will be completed within the next few weeks. At that time, MTD will need to decide whether or not the six Gilligs will remain in the fleet for enhanced transit service.

A work plan for further testing of soil at the Terminal 2 site is nearing completion and will be sent to the County of SB for approval. Assuming a quick and satisfactory response, MTD will proceed with the required additional sampling and produce a Remedial Action Plan by early March.

Finance staff will present a revised budget at the February 28th meeting.

MTD has received a refund of its deposit from the Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District (APCD) related to the recent stockpile removal project at Calle Real.

The 5307 Federal Operating Assistance Grant for FY 2005/2006 has been submitted. Funds should be available between 30 and 45 days. MTD's remaining 5307 operating assistance from FY 04-05 of approximately \$900,000 has been delayed due to the need to process a federal amendment relating to another project on the same grant. Although SBCAG approved the amendment during their December meeting, Caltrans and FHWA are still processing the paperwork. Staff anticipates completion of this process, including an FTA amendment, by early March. At that time, MTD should be able to drawdown the funds.

Staff submitted the annual Safety and Security Certification to the Federal Transit Administration's National Transit Database last week.

The Planning Commission met last Thursday to discuss enhanced transit. They unanimously supported forwarding a recommendation to City Council to increase service during peak hours on the line #1-2. They included the line #6-11 if other local agencies support this project as well (City of Goleta, UCSB, County of

Santa Barbara). If this support is not forthcoming, the alternate recommendation is for additional service on the line #3 (completely within the City of Santa Barbara boundaries). If City Council also supports this idea, the project will return to the Planning Commission for a detailed outline of the mitigation. Planning commission members all expressed support for transit in general reminding the audience that transit works best for a community when it provides very frequent service.

MTD and the City of SB received six proposals for the Transit Village feasibility study. A joint meeting was held with the Redevelopment Agency staff on February 8th. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposals and determine which firms would be asked to come in for interviews. Four firms have been invited to interview and meetings will be scheduled in the next couple of weeks.

The Development Team conducted an extensive survey of the line 15X last week. As anticipated most loads were at capacity. The team receives frequent requests for additional SBCC evening service, subsequently; two additional SBCC evening trips will be added to the bid commencing March 27th. The ongoing success of these trips will be reviewed for possible addition to the bus book in the fall.

The Development and Marketing Teams will be busy with public input meetings in the next couple of weeks, see attached schedule.

Steve Maas and I attended the City of Santa Barbara Downtown Parking Committee meeting on February 9th. At the request of this committee, we presented a draft timeline for upcoming MTD vehicle procurements and service implementation. This will be made available to you at the upcoming meeting.

Two new driver trainees started on 2/03/06. We welcome Lease Anderson and Serge Brown. Both of these new drivers have had experience driving large vehicles at previous employment. The next class of two will begin within the month including a former RTA driver (with 15 years experience) who relocated to Southern California due to hurricane Katrina. We continue to seek additional drivers.

Recruitment is still in process for the positions of Bookkeeper, Data Analyst (Development department), Scheduler (to replace retiring Kenn Glenn) and Manager of Maintenance. These latter three positions are also posted in the Passenger Transport.

Renewal applications have been submitted to various companies through Brown and Brown for liability insurance. Quotes are expected in a timely manner for board review well before the 04/01/06 renewal date.

The Sunrise Rotary club is purchasing one of MTD's retired 1984 Gilligs (#268). This bus will be used in Salamanca, Mexico to transport children living in an orphanage. MTD employees and passengers are being offered an opportunity to participate in this fundraiser to add money to provide mattresses and bedding for the children. Flyers will be out next week.

Quarterly meetings were held at three separate times last week to update MTD employees on the status of plans. (aka State of the District address)

I attended a conference of the American Public Transit Association in Long Beach last week. A number of the sessions were valuable for transit managers anywhere including succession planning, emergency planning, and general best practices.

Driver, Ronnie Shahbazian and I attended a career day at Cleveland School and enjoyed working with children from kindergarten through third grade. ESOPs continue with MTD drivers providing training sessions at local elementary schools.

Councilmember Helene Schneider visited MTD's campus to meet staff and experience a tour of the facilities. I appreciate her sincere interest in transportation solutions including transit.



Your Input is Valuable

Public Input meetings to be held at the following locations:

Goleta

Monday, Feb 13 - 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Goleta Valley Community Center
5679 Hollister Ave.

&

Wednesday, Feb 15 - 12:00pm to 1:00pm
Goleta Valley Community Center
5679 Hollister Ave.

Carpinteria

Monday, Feb 13 - 12:00pm to 1:00pm
Carpinteria Public Library
5141 Carpinteria Avenue

&

Wednesday, Feb 15 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm
Carpinteria Public Library
5141 Carpinteria Avenue

Santa Barbara

Wednesday, Feb 22 - 12:00pm to 1:00pm
Santa Barbara Public Library
40 East Anapamu

&

Wednesday, Feb 22 - 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Santa Barbara Public Library
40 East Anapamu

Isla Vista

Friday, Feb 17 - 12:00pm to 1:00pm
University Religious Center
777 Camino Pescadero

SBCC

Thursday, Feb 16 - 12:00pm to 1:00pm
SBCC Campus outside the cafeteria

***Please call MTD-3702 or visit www.sbmtd.gov to locate the buses
that serve these locations.***

– Can't make the meetings? –

Your input is valuable. If you cannot make any of the scheduled meetings,
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